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IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

SACRAMENTO — May 11, 2007 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission has announced a competition for federal grants funds to support teacher professional development in California schools. The Improving Teacher Quality Grants of up to a million dollars over four years will be awarded to colleges and universities that work with high-need local school districts to improve the content knowledge and instructional skills of early elementary teachers in grades K-2. The program is part of the No Child Left Behind Act and is aimed at ensuring that every student has a highly qualified teacher.

Complete information on the Request for Proposals, including schedule information and requirements for submitting proposals, can be found on the Commission website at http://www.cpec.ca.gov/FederalPrograms/RFP.asp. Questions may be directed to the Improving Teacher Quality Program by e-mail to Teacher_Quality@cpec.ca.gov or by phone to 916-445-1504.

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